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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed September 6, 2005, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued on July 3, 2001. The grace period for paying the first maintenance fee expired at midnight on July 3, 2005. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), the petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

Accordingly, the maintenance fee in this case is hereby accepted, and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

The address of record differs from that of the petitioner. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the petition, all future correspondence will be directed to the address currently of record until appropriate instructions are received.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-4787.

The patent file is being forwarded to Files Repository.

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